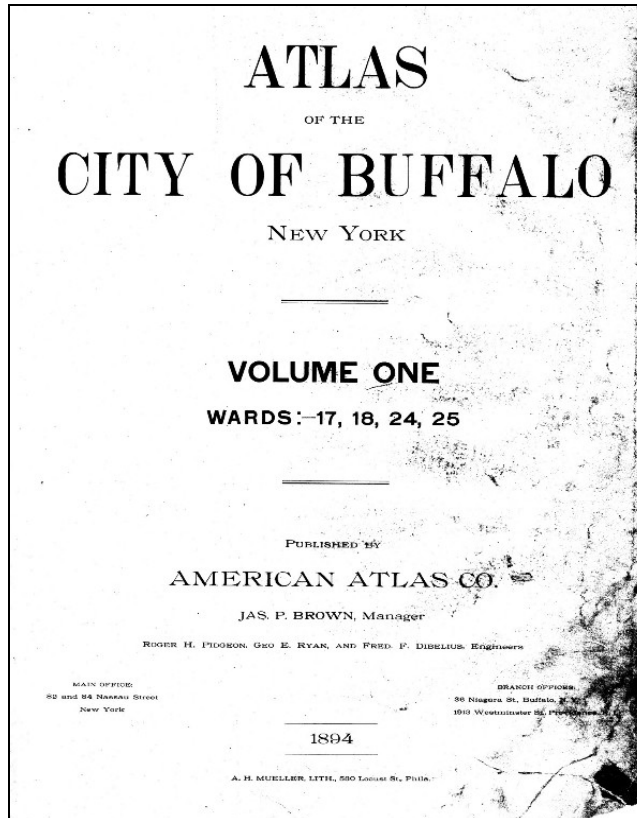


# BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY ATLASES: BEST BETS FOR GENEALOGISTS AND HOUSE RESEARCHERS



## KEY

*	= Oversized book
Buffalo	= In Buffalo Collection in Grosvenor Room
Folio	= Very oversized book
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room
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## INTRODUCTION

























This guide lists atlases which are likely to show your old house or land that your ancestor once owned, or both. They cover either the city of Buffalo or the towns and villages of Erie County or both. Coverage is best for the City of Buffalo. We own many local maps and atlases in addition to the ones listed here but they show only roads and streets, not buildings or land owners. Usually, only one atlas per decade was published showing buildings or names of land owners.








For architectural researchers, Sanborn maps, also called fire insurance atlases, give the most detail. Our Sanborn collection is incomplete. In the volumes we do have, some pages are missing or mutilated.

Please be aware of these policies:

- Unless otherwise noted, **atlases may not be photocopied** except by staff on a special overhead copy machine.
- Please get permission at the Information Desk **before using cameras** or scanners of any kind.
- Researchers are welcome to make tracings from atlases.

Atlases must be used in the Grosvenor Room. Unless otherwise noted, atlases may not be borrowed.


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<b>Year</b>	<b>Call Number, Location, Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Erie County</b>
<b>1866</b> 	GRO Folio F127 .E6 S7 <b>New Topographical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys Especially for This Atlas</b> Philadelphia, PA: Stone & Stewart, 1866	Shows some individual buildings as tiny squares. May be photocopied if handled with care. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2yv6e8">http://tinyurl.com/2yv6e8</a>		 
<b>1872</b> 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1872 Hopkins, Griffith Morgan <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York: From Actual Surveys &amp; Official Records</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, ©1872	In very frail condition, handle with extreme care. No photocopying. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2cj82j">http://tinyurl.com/2cj82j</a>	 	
<b>1880</b> 	GRO Buffalo *G1253 .E6 B4 1985 Beers, F. W. (Frederick W.) <b>Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie Co., New York, from Actual Surveys and Records</b> Evansville, IN: Whipporwill Publications, [1985]	Reprinted in 1985. Some circulating copies are available in HSS. The reprint may be freely photocopied. Online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/224j2y">http://tinyurl.com/224j2y</a>		
<b>1884</b>	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 1884 <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins & Co. 1884	No photocopying.	 	
<b>1891</b>	GRO Folio F129 .B8 H7 <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, NY: From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys</b> Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1891	Has a small number of land owner names. No photocopying.	 	
<b>1893</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 H7 <b>Atlas of the Vicinities of the Cities of Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda and Buffalo, New York</b> Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1893	No photocopying.		
<b>1894</b> 	F129 .B8 A54 1894 in Closed Stacks <b>Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York</b> New York: American Atlas, 1894	3 volume set. In very frail condition. Online at: <a href="http://www.erie.gov/atlas/buff_94/city_atlas.html">http://www.erie.gov/atlas/buff_94/city_atlas.html</a>		
<b>1902</b>	GRO Folio G1254 .B8 P47 2002 <b>Perspective Map of Buffalo, New York</b> [Buffalo, NY:] Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, ©2002	Reprinted in 2002. Artist's conception of Buffalo as seen from the air. Includes simple renderings of buildings. May be freely photocopied.		
<b>1909</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 C4 <b>New Century Atlas of Erie County, New York: From Government Surveys, Official Records...</b> Philadelphia, PA : Century Map Company, 1909	No photocopying.		 
<b>1915</b> 	GRO Folio F129 .B8 N25 <b>The New Century Atlas of Greater Buffalo</b> Philadelphia, PA: Century Atlas Co., 1915	3 volume set. No photocopying. Vol.3, <i>Suburban Buffalo</i> , is online at: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3d46aq">http://tinyurl.com/3d46aq</a>		

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<b>1939</b>	GRO Folio F127 .E6 N6 1939 Niagara Frontier Planning Board <b>Atlas, Erie County</b> Buffalo, NY: The Board, [1939]	No photocopying.		
<b>1948</b>	GRO Folio F127.E6 E6 <b>[Erie County Atlas]</b> [Buffalo, NY]: Erie County Planning Board, 1948	No photocopying.		
<b>1953</b>	Buffalo F129 .B8 B4515 <b>Buffalo Zoning Ordinance Maps: Chapter LXX of the Ordinances of the City of Buffalo</b> [Buffalo, NY]: City of Buffalo, 1953	Maps are very tiny in scale. Ask at the desk for a magnifying glass. May be freely photocopied.		
<b>1953</b>	Folio F129 .C42 T62 Reinstein, Julia Boyer, comp. <b>Town of Cheektowaga Historical Atlas</b> Cheektowaga, NY: [Town Board], 1955?	Includes early maps of entire county. Maps from 1849-1909 show names of Cheektowaga land owners. No photocopying.		

<b>SANBORN MAPS IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>Red Dot or Call Number</b>	<b>AREA COVERED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1881-1888</b>	<b>1</b>	Downtown core	In large black case
<b>1881-1888</b>	<b>2</b>	Near East side	In large black case
<b>1899-1913</b>	<b>3</b>	Downtown and West side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
<b>1899-1914</b>	<b>4</b>	Downtown and East side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
<b>1899-1914</b>	<b>5</b>	Downtown and East side	In large black case 1899 in call number label
<b>1900-1914</b>	<b>6</b>	Riverside, Black Rock, North Buffalo	In large black case 1899 in call number label
<b>1900-1923</b>	<b>7</b>	East side, Buffalo River	In large black case 1917 in call number label
<b>1917-1923</b>	<b>8</b>	East side	In large black case 1917 in call number label
<b>1917-1921</b>	<b>9</b>	South Buffalo	In large black case 1917 in call number label
<b>1925-1961</b>	<b>10</b>	Downtown core	In large black case 1953 in call number label

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<b>1925-1961</b>	<b>11</b>	Lower West side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1926-1961</b>	<b>12</b>	East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1926-1961</b>	<b>13</b>	East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1916-1961</b>	<b>14</b>	West side, Riverside, Black Rock	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1935-1961</b>	<b>15</b>	North Buffalo, Main Street, Delaware district	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1939-1961</b>	<b>16</b>	Far East side	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1939-1961</b>	<b>17</b>	Far East side, Lovejoy	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1935-1962</b>	<b>18</b>	North Buffalo, University District, Kensington	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1940-1962</b>	<b>19</b>	South Buffalo	In large black case 1953 in call number label
<b>1959</b>	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Cheektowaga	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.
<b>1963</b>	*F129 .B8 S18 1963	Entire city of Buffalo in 10 volumes + Index	In black 3 ring binders, some pages missing. May be freely photocopied.
<b>1964</b>	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Kenmore, Tonawanda	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.
<b>1981-1986</b>	G1254 .B8 I6 1991	Buffalo	On microfilm only. May be freely photocopied.

SANBORN MAPS DATABASE	NOTES
 <p><a href="http://multisearch.buffalolib.org/buffalo.asp">http://multisearch.buffalolib.org/buffalo.asp</a></p>	<p>Black &amp; white, printable Sanborn maps of cities and towns in New York State. Includes Buffalo &amp; parts of Erie County.</p> <p><b>For use at any library or from home with a valid Buffalo &amp; Erie County Public Library card number.</b></p>

WHERE ELSE CAN I FIND MAPS?	NOTES
<b>Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society</b> Research Library 25 Nottingham Court Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 873-9644 ext. 306 <a href="http://www.bechs.org">http://www.bechs.org</a>	Open to the public Wednesdays – Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Has a more complete Sanborn map collection plus some atlases not listed here.
<b>University Libraries Map Collection</b> Science & Engineering Library Room 316 Capen Hall, North Campus University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY 14260-1672 (716) 645-2945 <a href="mailto:askASL@buffalo.edu">askASL@buffalo.edu</a> <a href="http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/wny-maps.html">http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/wny-maps.html</a>	The University at Buffalo Map Collection has the 1991 Sanborn maps for the city of Buffalo on microfilm. UB also subscribes to Digital Sanborns for all of New York State. The Digital Sanborns database must be used on-site. Please contact the University Libraries for access policies. Their website has some free digitized aerial photographs of Buffalo and Erie County.

SELECTED MAP WEBSITES	NOTES
<a href="http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html">http://www.buffaloresearch.com/maps.html</a> <b>Vintage Maps of Buffalo, Erie County, and Western NY</b>	A selection of old and new maps, plus links to the online atlases listed here
<a href="http://www.erie.gov/depts/community/atlasses.phtml">http://www.erie.gov/depts/community/atlasses.phtml</a> <b>1894 City of Buffalo Atlas</b>	All three volumes scanned online. Shows individual buildings.

WEB2: THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
<a href="http://web2.buffalolib.org/">http://web2.buffalolib.org/</a>
<p>WEB2 is a database showing the books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Anyone may access it for free on the internet at the address above.</p> <p>To find additional map-related items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches.</p>
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